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Dear County Superintendents of Schools, Auditors, and Treasurers:

**NOTICE OF THE RECERTIFIED SPECIAL PURPOSE APPORTIONMENT  
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION (SPECIAL PURPOSE),  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT AID  
FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

This apportionment, in the amount of \$1,354,868,317, is made from funds provided in the 2003 Budget Act (Chapter 157, Statutes of 2003). These funds support the Pupil Transportation (Special Purpose), School Improvement Program (SIP), and Economic Impact Aid (EIA) programs.

These program allocations equal 10 percent of the annual entitlement for the ten months of September 2003 through June 2004 (*Education Code* Section 14041(a)(5)). In December 2003, this apportionment is being recertified to include revised SIP Grade 7 through 12 fiscal year 2003-2004 entitlements for three counties. The December warrant for each local educational agency (LEA) will equal four-tenths of the newly certified amount, less the amount paid to the LEA in September through November 2003. Thereafter, in general, one-tenth of the amount certified in December will be included in the warrants for the months from January through June 2004. This apportionment may be recertified as necessary in future months due to revised entitlements.

The Summary of Apportionment and the Monthly Payment Schedule show subtotals for the Transportation, SIP, and EIA funds. The State Controller will issue one warrant to each County (that includes all associated LEAs) for the total payment of all programs in this apportionment.

**Notice, Summary, and Exhibits Enclosed**

- A. Notice of the Recertified Special Purpose Apportionment: Pupil Transportation (Special Purpose), School Improvement Program, and Economic Impact Aid, Fiscal Year 2003-2004
- B. Schedules of Apportionments-Computer Printout Tabulations  
School Improvement Program - Exhibit II
- C. Summary of Apportionments by County

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#### D. Monthly Payment Schedule

##### **Program Notes**

Pupil Transportation – There has been no change to the annual entitlement previously certified.

School Improvement Program – This December apportionment recertifies three counties; Fresno, Los Angeles, and Solano. The recertification for these counties reflects revised entitlements for grades 7-12, based upon revisions to the fiscal year 2002-2003 First Period (P1) Report of Average Daily Attendance.

In Exhibit II, the amount in the column entitled “Total Amount for Each Participating District” should be credited to the account of the school district or LEA indicated in the first column.

There is no restriction on the amount of SIP funds that may be carried over from year to year. For standardized account code structure (SACS) coding, use Resource Codes 7260, School Improvement Program-Grades K to 6, and 7265 (optional) School Improvement Program-Grades 7 to 12. All grades K-12, use Revenue Object Code 8311, Other State Apportionments-Current Year. For non-SACS coding, please use Income Account Code 8244, School Improvement Program.

Economic Impact Aid – There has been no change to the annual entitlement previously certified.

Supplemental Grants Roll-In – Allocations for Supplemental Grants which may contribute to the Transportation, SIP, and EIA program selections made pursuant to *Education Code* Section 54761.2 will be paid in a separate apportionment.

Transportation, SIP and EIA for Charter Schools – Beginning in fiscal year 2002-2003, all charter schools, except for district wide charters, are being funded through the charter school block grant funding model (*Education Code* Section 47633 et seq). This funding model provides categorical block grant funds in lieu of various categorical programs, including Transportation, SIP and EIA. These block grant funds are allocated as part of the revenue limit Principal Apportionment process. Charter enrollment and average daily attendance (ADA) are excluded from district totals when computing the 2003-2004 entitlements for SIP and EIA. For purposes of Pupil Transportation, however, *Education Code* Section 47612 deems a charter school to be a school district. As such, to establish base transportation funding for a charter school, the district must determine its cost to transport the charter school students previously served by the district. This will establish the separate transportation funding base for the charter school and result in a corresponding reduction to the district’s allowance.

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### **Additional Information/Questions**

County offices of education should immediately notify LEAs in their county of the information included in this apportionment. In addition, this letter, along with the summary and monthly payment schedule, will be posted on the California Department of Education's Web site at [www.cde.ca.gov/fiscal/categorical](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fiscal/categorical). General questions concerning this apportionment may be directed to Ross Valentine, Fiscal Services Assistant, Categorical Programs Unit, at (916) 327-4405 or via e-mail at [rvalenti@cde.ca.gov](mailto:rvalenti@cde.ca.gov). For specific program areas, please contact the School Fiscal Services Division staff as follows:

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